



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
INSTALLATIONS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
110 ARMY PENTAGON
WASHINGTON DC 20310-0110

13 FEB 2015

Mr. Carl Edlund
Superfund Division Director
United States Environmental
Protection Agency Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Dear Mr. Edlund:

This letter responds to your 23 January 2015 request for an additional technical assistance visit (TAV) by Army personnel to Camp Minden, Louisiana within 14 days to inspect materials to keep everyone apprised of the conditions and to recommend timeframes to act.

As you know, this matter is subject to the terms of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (AOC), signed on 28 October 2014 and referenced in your letter. Under the AOC, the Louisiana Military Department (LMD) is responsible for carrying out the activities required to dispose of the M6 propellant and CBI; and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) are charged with oversight and approval of LMD's activities. The AOC further directs that LMD and LDEQ periodically assess and inspect materials at the site to ensure the materials remain safe.

Following approval of the AOC, at LMD's request, the Army conducted a TAV visit to Camp Minden in December 2014. However, the Army's intent was not to assume responsibility for explosives safety inspections as that would be inconsistent with the terms and intent of the AOC. Given that the recent December 2014 TAV provided LMD and EPA 6 the information requested in your 23 January 2015 letter, the Army believes that an additional technical assistance visit is unnecessary at this time.

The point of contact for this action is Mr. J. C. King, Director for Munitions and Chemical Matters and Army Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board Voting Member, phone number (703) 697-5564, and email James.C.King4.civ@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

Hershell E. Wolfe
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Environment, Safety and Occupational Health)

cc:

Glenn H. Curtis, Major General, Louisiana National Guard
Peggy M. Hatch, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

